



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
JANUARY 12, 2016 – 3:30 P.M.**

The Mental Health Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 3:33 p.m. in the Administration Building, 1717 N. Indian Hill Blvd. # B, Claremont, California.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Whitlock called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL A visual roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Sylvia Whitlock, Ph.D., Chair
Cheryl Berezny
Arny Bloom
Chuck Leeb, Ph.D.
Michael Olivieri
Donald R. Perez
Davetta Williams

ABSENT: Twila L. Stephens
Toni L. Watson, Vice-Chair

STAFF: Toni Navarro, Executive Director
Rimmi Hundal, Director of MHSA and Ethnic Services
Mica Olmos, Executive Assistant

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 2015 GOVERNING BOARD / MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION JOINT MEETING

There being no comment, Commissioner Bloom moved, and Governing Board Liaison Leeb seconded, to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board and Mental Health Commission Joint Meeting of December 16, 2015. The motion was carried by the following vote: **AYES:** Commissioners Bloom, Leeb, Olivieri, and Williams; and Chair Whitlock. **NOES:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Commissioners Berezny and Perez. **ABSENT:** Commissioner Stephens and Vice-Chair Watson.

II. PRESENTATION

Executive Director Navarro presented Tri-City's Emergency Action Plan and safety training information in the wake of the recent tragedy in San Bernardino, noting how this event had an impact on staff both personally and professionally. Therefore, staff had reevaluated Tri-City's emergency and safety plan as in the past, the focus had been on natural emergencies such as earthquakes and fire; however, due to recent events, more was needed for safety.

Consequently, she wants to engage staff more since safety, and being vigilant, is every individual's responsibility. She then explained that Chief Operations Officer Nancy Gill and her staff had worked and updated Tri-City's Emergency Action Plan and it now includes how to respond to an active shooter situation and announced that, in the next two months, all Tri-City staff will receive training about how to respond to an active shooter. She also discussed the immediate measures that were taken to make Tri-City's buildings more secure, such as reverting to having only one entrance at the clinical building on Garey.

Discussion ensued about building safety measures that can be implemented.

Executive Director Navarro further stated that all Tri-City employees are part of the three cities safety net and are required to respond to any crisis or natural disaster, noting that Tri-City is the team that the local police departments will call for psychological trauma intervention. She explained that staff will also be training in this area and that a new protocol will be implemented, the roll a call system, so that every staff member can be notified in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. She also indicated that generators will be installed at each Tri-City site so that services should not be interrupted. She then talked about the Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement, an evidence-based practice, which is not just awareness but rather the next level of training that teaches intervention tools for law enforcement working with individuals with a mental illness. She indicated that staff will be presenting and asking the stakeholders for support for this training, and to allocate funds, to train the three cities police departments.

Commissioner Perez inquired if staff was aware of the three cities police departments' safety and/or emergency protocols. Executive Director Navarro stated that staff had already contacted the Pomona Police Department about providing training on how to respond to an active shooter for staff; however, they currently do not have this training in place. Therefore, staff is currently researching other training providers.

Commissioner Olivieri indicated that the Pomona Police Department does have active shooter training for police officers; however, this training is not appropriate for the community at-large. Therefore, the department is currently developing a training curriculum for the community.

Discussion ensued regarding safety awareness for Tri-City's clients.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Navarro reported that, during Tri-City's All Agency Staff Meeting, safety was the topic of the meeting and it also included discussion of El Nino. She reported that it was discussed the ways in which staff can address their own safety and also about ways to continue to provide services to clients during inclement weather or if clients do not show to appointments. She also reported that Tri-City won the best drill team of the Pomona Christmas Parade; that the Governor's budget was announced and there were no surprises for Mental Health, however, one of the positive items was that all undocumented children, under 19 years of age, will be covered by Medi-Cal in California beginning in May; that a new MSHA Administration sign was installed at 2001 N. Garey and bids for the interior remodeling will be opened next week; and that all staff for non-clinical MHSA programs will move there by early April. Lastly, she reported that Steven Wakimoto was featured at Tri-City's Vital Volunteer Newsletter because he has been a wonderful asset to the Wellness Center and also carried Tri-City's banner during Pomona's Christmas Parade; and thanked Mr. Wakimoto for everything he does for Tri-City.

Mr. Steven Wakimoto talked about what inspires him to become involved in servicing the community.

Commissioner Olivieri shared that Mr. Wakimoto is also a natural fixture volunteering and helping out at the Pomona Police Department.

COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Perez reported that The dA Center for the Arts of the Pomona College asked him to serve as a volunteer interviewer for an upcoming community history event meant to preserve the history of local Latinos in the military. He explained that he was invited to participate in this project after he was interviewed by an associate professor at The dA Center for the Arts about his experiences during the Vietnam War, noting that his interview will be taken to the Library of Congress and it will also be developed into an art form. Lastly, he stated that this year he will work very hard on trying to make some changes regarding veterans' programs, support groups, and conduct more outreach to the veteran population.

Chair Whitlock announced that there will be a Rotary World Peace Conference at the Ontario Convention Center on Friday and Saturday, noting that she will be a speaker on diversity at the workplace. She then asked for written information regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Mental Health Commission.

Executive Director Navarro replied that a copy of the Mental Health Commission By-Laws will be provided to her. She then indicated that the Mental Health Commission is Tri-City's eyes and ears of the community and brings back information regarding the community needs and helping identify issues that Tri-City should get involved; as well as, asking for information from staff about current mental health events to be prepared to answer questions from the Community.

Governing Board Liaison Leeb stated that the Mental Health Commission also can make recommendations and suggestions for the Governing Board's consideration.

Commissioner Williams announced that the CHAP will host a remembrance service for Todd Watts at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Claremont Quaker meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:18 p.m., on consensus of the Mental Health Commission its meeting of January 12, 2016 was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Mental Health Commission will be held on **Tuesday, February 09, 2016**, in the Administration Building, 1717 North Indian Hill Boulevard #B, Claremont, California.



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